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05 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
06 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

07 JAMES H. TAYLOR, SR.,) CASE NO. C07-1795-MAT
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09 Plaintiff,)
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11 v.) ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S
12) MOTION FOR AN ORDER OF
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,) REDACTION
Commissioner of Social Security,)
Defendant.)
_____)

13 Defendant moved the Court for an order of redaction of personally identifiable information
14 of an individual other than plaintiff from the administrative record. (Dkt. 14.) Defendant noted
15 that a witness's taxpayer identification number had not been redacted from the administrative
16 record. Plaintiff did not respond to defendant's motion.

17 In accordance with the General Order of the Court regarding Public Access to Electronic
18 Case Files, pursuant to the official policy on privacy adopted by the Judicial Conference of the
19 United States, the Court does require omission or redaction of private information in pleadings
20 filed with the Court. However, in contrast to pleadings filed with the Court, administrative
21 records in Social Security cases are not publically accessible. Accordingly, defendant's request
22 for redaction is not necessary and his motion is hereby DENIED. The Court and the parties will,

01 of course, continue to refrain from including the private information accounted for in the Court's
02 General Order in any future pleadings.

03 DATED this 25th day of March, 2008.

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05 Mary Alice Theiler
06 United States Magistrate Judge